

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 12.19.21

These **discussions** and recommended **spiritual practices** are designed to help **AMPLIFY** the impact of our Sunday morning teaching from God’s Word. Choose the ones that fit best in your context.

Sunday Discussion

This is designed to be an extension of our Sunday worship service. Take a few minutes to have this conversation with those who watched the worship service with you. If you watched alone, give another friend who watched alone a call and have the conversation over the phone.

Share something that was said or sung in the worship service that resonated with you. Take a moment to pray with and for the person with whom you just shared.

Daily Discussion

These are intended for conversation around the dinner table, in the car, or before bed at night (designed for ages 7 and up). Start each conversation by reading the passage listed.

Monday: Read Isaiah 9:6-7. “The Government will be on His shoulders.” That means Jesus will rule everything and everyone. To what extent do you see that happening now? How do you expect that will happen one day?

Tuesday: Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Peace (shalom) means everyone and everything flourishing together, in complete harmony and wholeness and fulfillment. Image and share some specific things that you would love about that.

Wednesday: Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Peace comes from the work of justice and righteousness – everything put right, everything doing right. How will Jesus accomplish that?

Thursday: Read Matthew 13:41-43. How is this comforting? How is this troubling?

Friday: Read Revelation 21:1-5. How is this inspiring? What makes this difficult to believe or live towards?

Saturday: Read Isaiah 9:6-7. “The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this.” What do you picture when you imagine the zeal of the Lord?

Weekly Discussion

Spiritual friends are those who intentionally move into one another’s life to spur one another on in spiritual growth for the Glory of God.

1. How has God encouraged, challenged or corrected you recently?
2. What’s a way that you believe God has used you recently or wants to use you this week?

What follows are some spiritual practices that we believe could feed your soul and advance His Kingdom this week.

An Inward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Daily spiritual discipline – Spend some time this week meditating on the following passages:

Isaiah 9:6-7
Isaiah 28:16-17
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Matthew 13:41-43
Revelation 21:1-5
Romans 1:17
Romans 3:23-26
Matthew 6:33
Matthew 23:23
Luke 11:42
Ephesians 4:22-24
Romans 14:17

Spend some time imagining peace:

Peace (shalom) means everyone and everything flourishing together, in complete harmony and wholeness and fulfillment.

An Outward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Seek to love those God places in your path. Be intentional to share Jesus’s love through word or deed with them.

With the love of Jesus in view, reach out to a neighbor or co-worker or someone in need.

Get involved with one of the Shalom of the City outreach initiatives:

<https://www.covenantpc.org/ministries/shalom-for-the-city/>

Get on our weekly prayer email (go to the “watch live” page and sign up for the prayer list) and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.